GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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DREDGING OF PARADIP PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dredging in Paradip Port to remove cargo spillage during 2005-06 and 2006-07 has been undertaken;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether dropping of cargo into the labour water by the port user and stevedore has come to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, the port-wise details thereof;

(e) the action taken against such port users during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b):Paradip Port has undertaken berth face dredging to remove cargo spillage and to maintain required draft at the berth. During the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 the following quantities of dredged spoils/cargo spillages has been recovered.

Year	Quantity Dredged	Expenses Incurred
2005-06	12,578 MT	Rs. 31,44,500/-
2006-07	11,551 MT	Rs. 28,87,750/-
Total:		Rs. 60,32,250/-

(c) & (d): Although no specific report has been received by the Government regarding spillage of cargo into the sea by the port users and stevedores, it is observed that in the course of loading/unloading of dry bulk cargo, despite preventive measures taken by the Port and stevedores, some quantity of cargo inevitably falls into the harbour water during operation. Port-wise details of such spillage are being collected.

(e) : A nominal amount of Rs.0.30 paisa per tonnes is being charged from the stevedores w.e.f. January, 2006 by the Paradip Port Trust so as to meet the expenses for berth face dredging from time to time. However, no action has been initiated against the Port users as usually no Port user would like to drop the cargo in the harbour.